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Research Station in Himalaya
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has established a high altitude research station in Himalaya called Himansh; and

(b) If so, the details and the purpose thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The National Centre for Antarctic and Ocean Research (NCAOR), Goa, under the Ministry of Earth Sciences has established a high altitude research station in Himalaya called HIMANSH situated above 4000 m at a remote region in Lahaul-Spiti, Himachal Pradesh. The purpose of establishing the station is to study and quantify the Himalayan glaciers responses towards climate change. The Scientists at the Stations will study the characteristics of Himalayan glaciers using observations and models.